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FRIDAY EVENING.

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TWO CENTS.

MEANS BUSINESS.

John Hays Hammond Gives Up \$500,000 a Year.

To Make Fight for Vice Presidential Nomination.

LEADING CANDIDATES

Are Cortelyou and Fairbanks as Washington Sees It.

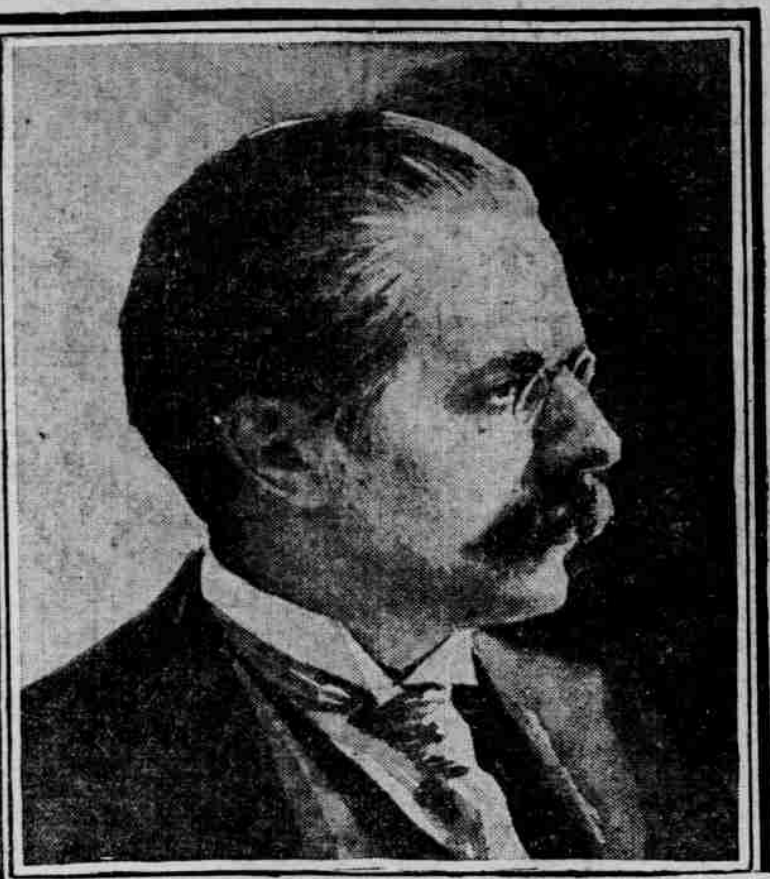
Dolliver and Kellogg Are Being Mentioned Also.

New York, June 5.—John Hays Hammond, the mining engineer who recently announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the vice presidency, has severed his connection with the Guggenheimer Exploration company, according to a statement from his attorney published here. Mr. Hammond said in his announcement that Mr. Hammond now feels free to make an aggressive campaign for the vice presidential nomination.

Representatives Parsons and Bennett have returned from Washington, bringing the news that Vice President Fairbanks and Secretary Cortelyou are the leading candidates, so far as Washington is concerned, for the vice presidential nomination. They also brought the news that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge is to be the permanent chairman of the Chicago convention.

Messrs. Parsons and Bennett are close personal friends of the president and the administration leaders, and the news they brought greatly interested local Republicans. Assuming that the choice for second place lies between the vice president and the secretary of the treasury, the booms of Representative James S. Sherman and Timothy L. Woodruff are shelved for the time being. Mr. Sherman said the other day that so long as Governor Hughes was a candidate for the first place on the ticket he was for him, and that talk of himself for the second place was, therefore, out of the question.

When Representative Bennett was



Secretary George B. Cortelyou Mentioned for Vice Presidential Nominee.

DOLLIVER IN DOUBT.

Intimates He Does Not Want to Be Vice President.

Ft. Dodge, Ia., June 5.—Senator Dolliver, when asked about the report that Taft would favor him for the vice presidential nomination said that he knew nothing about the move and could not refuse what had not been offered. However, he made it clear that his seat in the senate which he holds until 1913, is comfortable enough to suit him.

"I would not want to belittle the honor of being vice president," he said. "It is a great dignity and honor, but change does not appeal to me. I want rest and repose this summer and have no desire to plunge into the national campaign in that way."

Asked about the "wave of reaction"

PARIS IS EXCITED

People Don't Know What to Make of Dreyfus Attack.

Whether It Was Act of Insane Man or Plot.

ROYALIST APPEAL.

Suggest Turning to the Duke of Orleans.

March Dreyfus to the Execution Block.

Paris, June 5.—Whether yesterday's attempt on the life of Major Dreyfus was but the individual act of a man believing himself to have been an outraged patriot or had behind it an incipient Nationalist plot, the Republican press is unanimous in deploring the incident and believing it injured rather than aided that cause. Even those papers which doubted the wisdom of burying Emile Zola in the Pantheon think that the shooting of Major Dreyfus consolidated the Republican sentiment and they evidently desire to see the incident die out as quickly as possible. An attempt to reopen the old Dreyfus issue at the trial of Louis Gregris, the man who shot the major, they point out will be plainly extraneous.

On the other hand the fury of the Nationalist papers is unbounded. L'Action Francaise fires a broadside which recalls the most exciting days of Dreyfus and Boulanger. At the head of its columns this newspaper prints a statement by Charles Maurras, which it is likely the authorities will investigate. In this article the writer says that on Wednesday night "a resolute patriot," visited M. Daude and Lieut. Boisteau and himself offered to kill Dreyfus, but his proposal was rejected. A leading editorial in this paper appeals to the country to turn to the Duke of Orleans for redress and concludes with these words:

"Do you desire that Zola's body be ejected from the Pantheon?"

"Do you desire to march Dreyfus to the execution block? If so invoke your king."

The decision of the court of cassation to cut off the time for an appeal, the paper says, is illegal, and it concludes its article as follows:

"What we ask for Dreyfus is not six balls from a revolver, but the 12 bullets of the execution squad."

Other newspapers declare that Gregris, much grieved at the recent death of his mother, has lately manifested signs of mental derangement.

Gregoris sister said today that her brother had displayed symptoms of melancholia.

The authorities are pursuing their investigation with the view of determining whether there is a plot behind the attempt of yesterday.

The bullet in Major Dreyfus arm has not been definitely located. The doctor's bulletin issued today says Dreyfus condition is satisfactory.

MR. ROOSEVELT FIRM.

The President Assures Governor Glenn He Will Retire.

Washington, June 5.—Governor R. B. Glenn of North Carolina, who conceived the idea of a society of governors during the recent White House congress and thereby became a conspicuous figure in that notable gathering, was among those who paid their respects to the president yesterday. Although Governor Glenn is a Democrat and an ardent supporter of Mr. Bryan, he is nevertheless an admirer of Mr. Roosevelt and he took occasion to assure the president that if the next occupant of the White House is to be a Republican no one would be more acceptable to him than Mr. Roosevelt himself.

Mr. Roosevelt thanked North Carolina's governor for his expressions of good will, but reiterated his determination to become a private citizen on next inauguration day.

Governor Glenn is here to deliver an address at Arlington next Saturday before the Confederate Veterans' association.

McNeal Files His Papers. Nomination papers for T. A. McNeal for state printer, were filed today with the secretary of state, George Hodges, Democratic candidate in the Sixth senatorial district, and G. L. Chapman, Republican candidate in the Thirty-fifth senatorial district, also filed their petitions this morning.

RIVER IS RISING.

Rains in Northern Kansas Are Responsible.

The Fall Has Ceased in the Kaw Valley.

NOT NEAR DANGER.

Believe Flood Stage Will Not Be Reached Here.

Still Six Feet Below That Point.

Fourteen Feet Below the High Water of 1903.

Reports which reached Topeka this morning from the valley of the Kaw and the tributaries west of this place indicate a considerable rise in the river at this point during the next 24 hours, though it is believed it will not reach flood stage. Heavy rains have fallen during the past 24 hours in the valleys of the Republican, Solomon, Saline and Smoky Hill rivers, all of which empty into the Kaw.

The present stage of the river at Topeka is 16 feet; to be at flood stage it would have to be 22 feet. The high water in 1903 reached 30 feet. At its present height it takes a tremendous volume of water to raise the river even a foot because of the additional width of the river at high stages.

The rainfall along the valleys of these rivers exceed two inches in several instances which necessarily means an increase in the waters of the Kaw. Rain fell during the night at Topeka and an almost continual drizzle has prevailed during the morning hours with indications favoring an all day rain. While the rain has not been general over the state the entire eastern and northeastern part of the state has been thoroughly soaked with heavy showers.

The following reports received over the long distance lines of the Independent Telephone company tell a story which interest the citizens of this city. The reports are from the low land along the banks of the Kaw and its tributaries.

Manhattan, June 5.—An inch and three hundredths of rain fell at this point during the night and showers have prevailed since that time. The river at this point has passed the fifteen-foot mark and the floods are now being felt. The water is rising rapidly and it is feared that it will reach flood stage before the morning. The water is now about two feet above the low stage and is rising rapidly.

Alma, June 5.—Light showers fell during the night at this point and rain is falling this morning. The water is rising slowly but a slight rise during the past 24 hours.

Glascio, June 5.—Heavy rains have fallen in this section of the state during the past 24 hours and the fields and town are under water. Many of the cellars are filled with water and a stream 10 inches in depth takes the place of the main street of Glascio. This water is slowly receding though the small streams in this part of the state are bank full and in many places the low lands are flooded.

Manhattan, June 5.—Rain ceased falling at this point about 11 o'clock this morning and the indications are that the storm is over. At noon the Blue river was out of its banks, flooding the low lands and slowly rising as a result of the heavy rains above here.

Junction City, June 5.—The Republican and Solomon rivers are each out of their banks and the indications are that the storm is over. At noon the Blue river was out of its banks, flooding the low lands and slowly rising as a result of the heavy rains above here.

Concordia, June 5.—Rain ceased falling at this point about 2 o'clock this morning and the indications are that the remainder of the day will be fair. The Republican river reached the level of its banks at noon and it is reported that a heavy rise is coming from the west which will flood the low lands if it reaches here this afternoon.

Reports from the fourteen weather stations in Kansas received at the central station in Topeka today indicate that the heavy rain has fallen over the eastern part of the state during the past 24 hours. At several points rain was falling this morning and the forecast indicates showers for tonight and Saturday.

Baker, June 5.—Eighty-two hundredths of an inch of rain has fallen in this section of the state during the past 24 hours. The clouds are lifting and the indications are that the storm is over.

Fort Scott, June 5.—This section of the state was visited by one of the heaviest rains of the season during the night. The total precipitation amounted to 2.4 inches. The sky is heavily banked with clouds and the appearances indicate showers during the afternoon and night.

McPherson, June 5.—Cloudy weather conditions have prevailed since sunrise this morning and showers during the night have given this county about half an inch of rain.

Osage City, June 5.—A series of heavy showers visited this county during the night. The total precipitation amounted to 1.98 inches. The conditions indicate showers during the latter part of the day or tonight.

Wichita, June 5.—A light shower visited this county during the night, though the total precipitation during the past 24 hours is amounted to but .02 of an inch. The sky is heavily banked with clouds today and the indications point to showers tonight.

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Bishop Potter Who Is Suffering From a Nervous Breakdown.

FLOODS IN NORTH.

Every Stream in Central Montana a Torrent.

Helena and Butte Cut Off From World.

TRAFFIC DEMORALIZED

Washouts on Railroads in Many Places.

Efforts to Save Oregon Short Line Bridge at Dillon.

Salt Lake City, Utah, June 5.—Helena and Butte, Mont., are practically cut off from the outside world this morning.

Rain is still falling heavily throughout that part of Montana and traffic on the railroads already demoralized by washouts following a week's almost continuous rain will be tied up for several days. Every little trout stream and brook in central Montana is raging a torrent, while the Big Hole, Clark Fork and Missouri rivers are twice and three times their usual width and over flowing the lowlands, threatening railroad bridges and causing serious washouts on the railways in dozens of places.

East and west of Helena on the Northern and also on the Oregon Short line north and south of Dillon, passenger trains are stalled with no hope of getting through until the waters go down and work of repairing the tracks can be taken up. Out of Butte, both the Northern Pacific and Great Northern are tied up by washouts.

The Postal Telegraph had a wire into Butte this morning long enough to learn that the power house supplying the electric lighting and telegraph wires was threatened by floods. The wire failed a moment later and Butte therefore is probably without light or power.

All of the Western Union wires failed early this morning, north of Dillon, Mont., as a result either of the power house at Butte or washouts along the Big Hole river. The latter stream is seriously threatening the big bridge a mile north of Dillon, and Oregon Short line passenger trains are tied up on either side with no prospects of the blockade being broken for at least 24 hours. Hundreds of men are at work dumping rock along the river banks near the bridge in the hope of saving the structure from destruction, and the railroad officials this morning expressed themselves as confident of success.

It is still raining heavily, however, around Dillon and probably therefore throughout the region north.

Trouble at Missoula.

Missoula, Mont., June 5.—At noon the flood situation in western Montana is more serious than it has been at any time since the 30 day rain began. The rainfall for the past 24 hours, has been the heaviest of the month and the streams are at the danger point.

Word has come to Missoula that the Moulton dam, above Butte burst this morning and the flood has raised the river at Garrison, 75 miles east of Missoula, to a level of 100 feet above flood stage. The largest of these, the power dam is owned by W. A. Clark. If this goes out there will be great injury to the farms in the valley for miles.

The railway situation of Missoula is serious. The Northern Pacific has not moved a train between Missoula and Helena or Butte since Monday and it will practically be weeks before the damage to the track can be fully repaired. Miles of the new road bed of the St. Paul road east of here have been swept away and it is estimated that it will require more than a month to repair the damage from this source.

The Big Blackfoot river, 100 miles long, is at flood stage and there is danger of destruction of the big dam of Blackfoot Milling company at Bonner, which contains about 60 million feet of logs.

Wagon bridges along the river have been swept away. The Bitter Root river is becoming threatening and the railroad bridges along this stream are unsafe.

The division of all of the pile drivers from the west that it can get; it has taken from its own western divisions and has borrowed from other roads. The fight against the waters is being carried on by 10,000 men, but the water

OFF TO THE WILDS

Official Announcement of President Roosevelt's Hunt.

Will Go to Africa for Big Game Next Spring.

ENDS 3RD TERM TALK.

Expects to Spend a Year in the Jungles.

Bring Back Specimens of All African Big Game.

Washington, June 5.—Important significance in connection with President Roosevelt's determination against a third term is contained in the admission made today for the first time that the president is making definite plans to leave the United States in April next year for Africa, where he will spend a year hunting big game.

Rumors that Mr. Roosevelt was to leave the country at the conclusion of his term of office have been printed heretofore. When confirmation was sought at the White House, the answer has been made that no definite conclusion has been made as to the president's plans, but today it was stated positively that Mr. Roosevelt with his son, Kermit, would sail from New York for Cairo in April, 1909, just as soon as the necessary arrangements for the departure could be made after the fourth of March. It is the desire of the president to bring back at the end of the year from the wilds of Africa specimens of every species of big game to be had on the dark continent. He will visit no other country, it is stated.

The outfit for the expedition will be obtained on reaching Africa, but an active correspondence in this connection already is under way. The exact size of the hunting party, number of guides and retainers, animals, etc., has not yet been determined upon. The president will take with him an assortment of arms, which he will require in the variety of hunting contemplated. This outfit will include, of course, guns of the highest power.

During the absence of Mr. Roosevelt in Africa, Mrs. Roosevelt and other members of the family will remain at the family home at Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay.

POTTER AT HOME.

Bishop Is Suffering From a Nervous Breakdown.

Compelled to Abandon His Trip to Europe.

New York, June 5.—Bishop Henry C. Potter is at his home in Cop-perton, suffering from nervous breakdown. He has been sick for a month or more.

A clergyman close to the bishop declared that the latter's indisposition had caused him to abandon his trip to Europe. Both he and his coadjutor, Dr. Greer, intended to leave in a day or two for London to attend the decennial Lambeth conference of Anglican bishops throughout the world, which is due to begin on June 15, in Lambeth palace, London, the seat of his grace, the archbishop of Canterbury.

is gaining steadily and the rain continues to fall in torrents.

The Missouri river at this point is but a few feet below the highest mark ever registered. The expensive city bridges are in danger and are guarded to prevent their use, so dangerous are they considered.

West of here, the Northern Pacific has had no trouble as yet. The Great Northern in West Montana is said to be in as bad shape as the Northern Pacific.

Missoula has had no trains from the east since Sunday; the service from the west has not been interrupted. There are 500 passengers on trains that are stalled between washouts east of here.

COLLINS' PARDON

Governor Hoch Talks With Archer, Emporia Negro.

Said That His Book Is Not Yet on Sale.

HE WOULDN'T TELL

Refused to Give Name of "Man Who Killed Collins."

Report of Woman's Federation Taking a Hand.

Louis T. W. Archer, the Emporia negro who secured considerable attention some weeks ago by announcing that he knew who was guilty of the Collins murder, and that John Collins was innocent, called upon Governor Hoch Thursday afternoon, and told his story.

He succeeded in convincing Governor Hoch that he is possessed of many illusions concerning the crime.

"I shall place little reliance on what Archer told me," said the governor, after a half hour's interview with Archer. "He is evidently a man who has thought much about the murder, but he rambles around a good deal."

Archer says that he has written a book in which he gives the name of the man who killed Collins.

"When are you going to have your book printed?" asked the governor. "Printed?" Oh, —ah— why, it is printed already."

"Printed already?" said the governor. "Where can it be obtained?"

"Well, you see, it isn't on sale yet. Well, that's queer," said the governor. "People don't usually print books and not try to sell them."

"I wanted to see you first, and talk it over with you, let the books out," said the negro in a mysterious stage whisper.

Archer declined to tell the governor whom he suspected of killing Collins. He said that he got his information about the crime from a brother of Jesse Harper, one of the negroes with whom Collins is accused of dickerings.

"The lawyer was not at fault, the judge was not at fault, the jury was not at fault, nobody was at fault," declared Archer to the governor. "John Collins ain't guilty, but he started to the penitentiary when he mixed up with gambling riggers."

Archer had letters from William Allen White, and a number of other prominent Emporia people stating that he is an honest, reliable colored man. The testimonials were about as good as could be asked by anybody.

Some of the federated club women of Kansas seem to be working up a pardon campaign in behalf of John Collins. The report comes in that petitions for Collins' release from the penitentiary are being circulated at federal club meetings, and that the women are very generally in favor of the proposition. The petitions of course are directed to Governor Hoch.

When asked concerning the matter this morning, Governor Hoch stated that he knew nothing whatever about it.

"I have not been informed that any such movement among the club women was on foot, and I have received no petitions of that character," said the governor. "The Collins case is a most interesting one. It presents some very unusual features. I read the evidence in the case carefully at the time of the trial. One of his relatives believe him innocent."

OVER HALF INCH OF RAIN.

That Is What Fell in Topeka Last Night.

Heavy showers fell in Topeka last night and the earlier part of the forenoon the precipitation amounting to .55 of an inch. The sun came out shortly before noon and has been shining brightly and warm since that time. The weather forecast indicates showers to-night or Saturday. There is considerable apprehension on the part of the residents of North Topeka and the low lands on each side of the Kaw though reports received at the weather station at two o'clock indicate that the banks of the Kaw will contain no water which are being emptied into the stream west of Topeka.

The river has been steadily rising for the past 48 hours and at seven o'clock this morning measured 18.3 feet above 13.8 feet at the corresponding hour Thursday. Since then there has been a gradual rise which measured 1.65 at two o'clock this afternoon. Flood gauge is 22 feet and high water mark 20. The indications are that the stream will continue to rise until Sunday morning though no more rain should fall west of Topeka along the banks of the Kaw and tributaries. If this surmise proves to be correct the stream will be nearly if not quite bank full by Saturday evening and the lowlands will be flooded east and west of the city. The following were the temperatures since 7 o'clock this morning:

7 o'clock.....58 11 o'clock.....69
8 o'clock.....70 12 o'clock.....74
9 o'clock.....70 1 o'clock.....73
10 o'clock.....67 2 o'clock.....82

Commencement at Wesleyan.

Salina, Kan., June 5.—The commencement exercises of the Wesleyan university were held in the chapel. The Rev. Dr. Matt S. Hughes, pastor of the Independence Avenue M. E. church, Kansas City, Mo., addressed the class. The diplomas were delivered by President T. W. Roach, president of the university, whose resignation took effect immediately after the exercises.

A New Bank for Burlingame.

Washington, June 5.—A certificate authorizing the Burlingame National bank of Burlingame, Kan., to commence business, with a capital of \$25,000 has been issued by the comptroller of the currency. Charles Lyons is named as president, B. E. Pratt as vice president, and E. J. Williams as cashier.



Hon. C. W. Fairbanks Who May Be Republican Vice Presidential Nominee Again.

asked about the vice presidential situation he said:

Leading Candidates.

"The leading candidates seem to be Fairbanks and Cortelyou. This seems to be the opinion of the politicians in Washington. There is one thing about it, however, that should be distinctly kept in mind, and that is that President Roosevelt is not taking a hand in the shaping of tendencies leading to the naming of the candidate for vice president. He is leaving it absolutely alone. The choice is an open one, and the most available man doubtless will be named."

"It is obvious that either Fairbanks or Cortelyou would be a strong candidate. New York and Indiana are generally classed as doubtful states. While the Republicans in recent years have had no trouble in carrying them by large pluralities there is reason for assuming that each state will be a battleground this fall."

"I think it is no secret by this time that the platform is being thoroughly discussed by the friends of the president and Secretary Taft, and it doubtless is true that the platform will correctly represent their views on governmental policies."

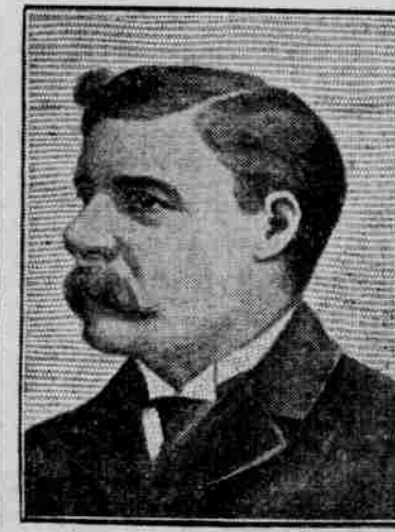
"What about Representative Sherman for the second place on the ticket?" he was asked.

"There is no question at all about the great popularity of the congressman from Utah," said Mr. Bennett, "but it is also true that the leading candidates for the second place on the ticket are the men already referred to."

"What is there in the suggestion that Senator Crane, who seems to be slated for the chairmanship of the national committee, is not an enthusiastic Taft man?"

"Senator Crane is a very good friend of the secretary," said Mr. Bennett. "For certain reasons he has not been what you might style an enthusiastic boomer of the secretary for president, but he is very friendly toward him. I think there is little doubt about Mr. Crane being the next national chairman. He is a cool, far sighted man, and will be efficient if chosen for that exalted station."

From the west there comes news that two treaties have been made, one being Jonathan P. Dolliver, junior senator from Iowa and the other Frank B. Kellogg, "rust buiter in ordinary" to the present administration, and prosecutor in particular of the Standard Oil company, the New York Central railroad and other corporations.



Senator Dolliver Who Is Not Anxious to Be Vice President.

"The people are thinking soberly. It is natural that they should with 500,000 freight cars idle on the sidetracks. It does not mean that the wise measures of President Roosevelt's administration will be repealed, but that they will slow down the pace a little."

RIVER FIVE MILES WIDE.

Waterspout Causes the Verdigris to Reach Its Highest Stage.

Independence, Kan., June 5.—A waterspout extending over Wilson and Greenwood counties early today caused the Verdigris river to rise rapidly resulting in much damage in the flooding of lowlands and wiping out of crops. Many cattle were swept away. The river is from four to five miles wide and is at the highest stage in its history.

Weather Indications.

Chicago, June 5.—Forecast for Kansas: Partly cloudy with showers in east portion tonight or Saturday. Warmer in north portion tonight.